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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 8077

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR AMMUNITION AIRLIFT TO ETHIOPIA

REF: (A) STATE 069792; (B) STATE 069730 (NOTAL) (C) ATHENS 2381

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CABLE (NOTAL) THIS MORNING FROM SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES FRANKFURT OFFICE WHICH DOES NOT CONTAIN INFO REQUESTED REFTL C. ALSO UNCLEAR WHETHER TOTAL NUMBER OF FLIGHTS IS FIVE OR SIX. EFFORTS TO REACH SEABOARD'S FRANKFURT OFFICE UNSUCCESSFUL (LOCAL GERMAN HOLIDAY)

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2. SEABOARD'S CABLE REFERS TO QUOTE EXPLOSIVE CIAA A AND C UNQUOTE. LOCAL U.S. MILITARY OFFICIALS IDENTIFY THIS AS CLASS A MUNITIONS (PROJECTILES - ARTILLERY SHELLS AND BOMBS), AND CLASS C MUNITIONS (SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION).

3. EMBASSY HAS DELIVERED NOTE TO FONMIN CONTAINING THIS INFORMATION BUT LACKING DETAILED FLIGHT PLANS. FONMIN OFFICIAL ASSURED EMBASSY THAT THESE CAN BE SUPPLIED LATER BY PHONE.

4. U.S. AIR FORCE ATHENAI AIR BASE OFFICER INFORMED EMBASSY THAT ATHENS AIRPORT IS OFF LIMITS TO CLASS A MUNITIONS NOTE: NEITHER SEABOARD CABLE, NOR EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE, REQUEST ANY SPECIFIC AIRPORT IN GREECE FOR TECHNICAL STOP). IF GOG WILL NOT ALLOW CLASS A MUNITIONS TO LAND AT ATHENS AIRPORT EVEN THOUGH IT IS ON A CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT, THE QUESTION THEN IS WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER GREEK AIRPORTS WHICH CAN ACCOMODATE FULLY-LADEN STRETCHED DC-8'S.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL C FROM SEABOARD, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SEABOARD OFFICIAL IN FRANKFURT ACCESSIBLE AT ALL TIMES. ALSO, MUST HAVE RUNWAY LENGTH AND LCN REQUIRED FOR HANDLING SEABOARD AIRCRAFT IN EVENT ALTERNATIVE TO ATHENS AIRPORT MUST BE FOUND.
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